

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, 20 and 21 are herein amended. Claims 16 and 17 are herein canceled.

Applicant has amended the claims in light of several interviews with the examiner. The examiner has indicated that with the above shown amendments, the application will be allowed. Applicant thanks the examiner for considering the application to be allowable and asks for such action at the earliest possible date.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

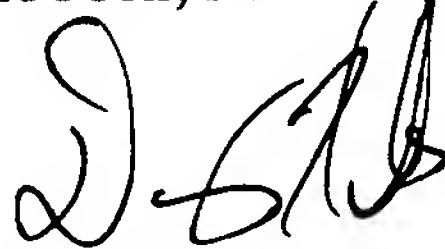
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hubbs', is written over the printed name of the attorney.

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